$200 Per Capita Payment Awaits Ute Tribe

Sometime next week, the exact date not being certain, 1801 members of the Ute Indian tribe in this area will receive a $200 per capita payment from the United States government This fact became certain when the mixed-bloods voted 135 to 0 in favor of the payment for their group.

According to Rex O. Curry, tribal manager, the present revised act makes it necessary for those mixed-bloods of the tribe to vote whether to accept the payment, or leave it in their own group fund. The meeting approved the payment.

Immediately following announcement of another payment for the tribe, the payroll was prepared in the Fort Duchesne office and sent to the regional office at Phoenix for approval. When the green light was given here, and OK'd by the Arizona office, the date was forwarded to the Regional Distributing office at Los Angeles, where the checks are being made out. As soon as this is done, the checks will be sent to Fort Duchesne for distribution.

Total amount of the payroll that will be distributed to the Ute members is $360,200.00. Certain obligations must be met first to the tribe and agency by those who are to receive the money. After this is done they will receive the remainder.